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CONTEST Science and Innovation: The Past Twelve Months

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- Strategies
- UK Security and Counter-Terrorism Science and Innovation Strategy - The Past Twelve Months
- Future Challenges and Opportunities

Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism

- Develops, coordinates and manages the implementation of the core **UK Counter-Terrorism Strategy** (CONTEST)
- **Implements** those parts of CONTEST for which the Home Office is directly responsible
- Hosts the Cross-Government **Research, Information and Communications Unit** (RICU) within OSCT, but reporting to FCO and DCLG

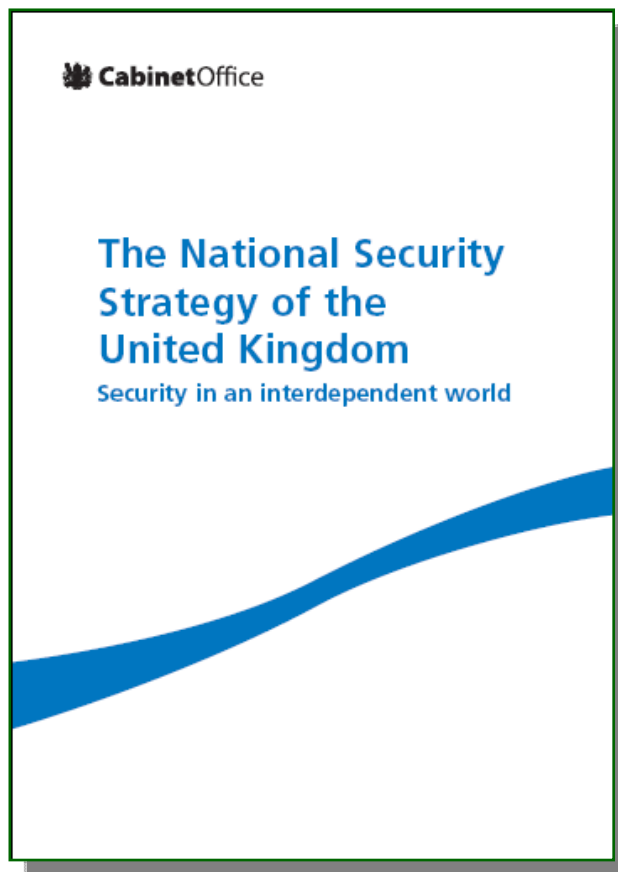
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National Security Strategy



- Cross-Government strategy published in March 2008¹
- 21st century view of national security challenges
- Counter-terrorism a major theme

¹ Available at

http://interactive.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/documents/security/national_security_strategy.pdf

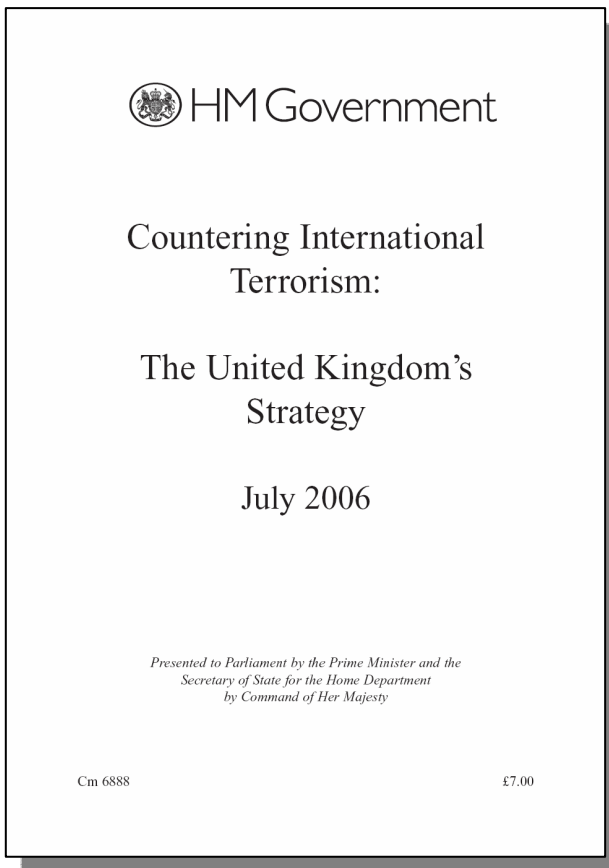
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UK Government CT Strategy – CONTEST



- Published in July 2006¹
- Aims “to reduce the risk from international terrorism, so that people can go about their daily lives freely and with confidence”.
- Introduces cross-cutting enablers, e.g. S&I

¹ Available at

<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-publications/publication-search/general/Contest-Strategy?view=Binary>

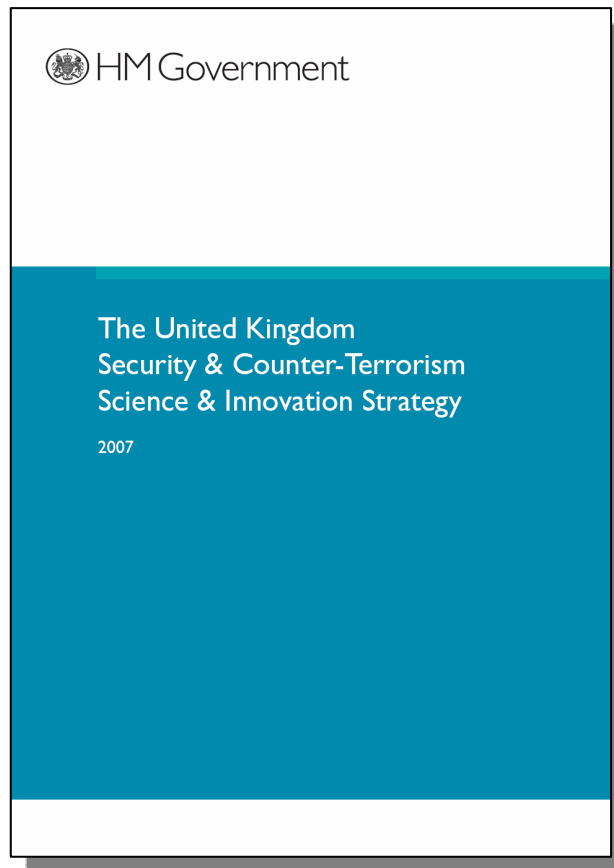
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Security and Counter-Terrorism S&I Strategy



- Cross-Government Strategy published in June 2007¹
- Four main themes
 - Expanding a cross-departmental operational analysis approach
 - Horizon-scanning
 - Working more effectively with business and academia
 - Collaborating with international partners

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<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-innovation>

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Highlights from Past Twelve Months

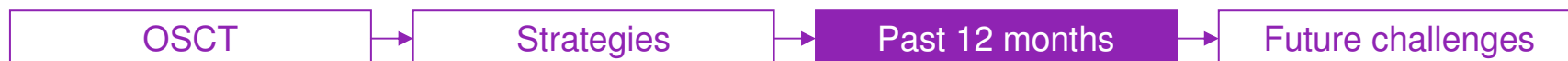
- Governance established
- Research priorities
- Engagement with industry and academia
- Working with international partners
- Scoping new ways to access innovation
- Continuing to deliver CBRN S&T programme

...joined up across Government



Engagement with Industry and Academia

- **Early engagement with industry and academia** is critical to delivering robust capabilities to deal with the terrorist threat
- **Priority areas** include:
 - Helping industry and academia to understand Government requirements
 - Facilitating timely exploitation of Government research
 - Focusing industry's investment in research
 - Improving access to innovation



RISC



- Alliance of over 2000 **suppliers, trade associations and academics**
- RISC vision: to provide a **single industry voice and channel of communication** for Government on strategic issues affecting national security and resilience
- Both **large industry players** and **SMEs**



Future Challenges and Opportunities

- Working together on developing requirements
- Better and innovative exploitation of existing technologies
- Build upon strong foundations already established
- Continue to review and improve



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Questions?

